



Building Environmental Health Services Capacity in State & Local Health Departments

Wisconsin Department of Health &
Family Services



Capacity Building in Wisconsin



Problem Statement:

Environmental Health services are divided among numerous state and local agencies resulting in fragmented and disjointed service delivery.



Program Goals:



Strengthen Local Health
Departments' EH Service Delivery



Build Wisconsin's EH Workforce



Capitalize on Wisconsin's Health
Alert Network



Strengthen Local Health Departments



Incentives for New EH Consortia
\$15k/year for 3 years



Incentives for New Agent Health Departments
\$10k startup funding



Minigrants for Programmatic Innovation in EH
 \leq \$5k grants (\$55k - \$70k/year)



Workforce Development



UW-Eau Claire Environmental & Public Health Program

- Increase Enrollment & Promotion
- EH Educational Needs Assessment
- On-line Courses



UW-Milwaukee's Institute of EH

- Digital EH Library
- Assessment of EH Content in PH Nursing
- On-line Courses



Wisconsin Environmental Health Association

- Interactive Website
- EH Career Promotion (Career Fairs/School Conferences)
- Educational Conferences



Capitalize on Wisconsin's HAN



Expand use of Wisconsin's Health Alert Network to:

- Collect EH data,
- Develop Environmental Public Health Indicators,
- Perform EH needs assessments,
- Visualize and analyze EH data with GIS



Capacity Building Success Story:



Three municipal health departments form an EH Consortium and hire a Sanitarian.



EH Consortium creates ordinances, develops policies & procedures, educates and trains local business owners.



EH Consortium completes Agent contract with State to perform Food Safety & Recreational Licensing inspections.



New EH Agent/Consortium sustains itself with license and inspection fees.



Capacity Building Success Story



Minigrants for Programmatic Innovation in Environmental Health:

- Beach Testing for Toxic Bluegreen Algae
- Clandestine Drug Lab Hazard Training
- Scrap Tire Recycling Program
- Pesticides in Drinking Water
- GIS Tracking of Radon Testing Results
- Burn Barrel Education Campaign